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SUBJ: VISIT OF CNPQ PRESIDENT DION TO WASHINGTON

REF: (A) BRASILIA A-06 OF 1/17/75

(B) BRASILIA A-11 OF 1/22/75

1. PRESIDENT JOSE DION OF NEW NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT (CNPQ) - REPLACEMENT FOR FORMER NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL -AND HIS NEW CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, DR. LUIS BRASIL, ARE MAKING VISIT TO U.S. IN LATE FEBRUARY - EARLY MARCH. VISIT INCLUDES ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE AT U. OF TEXAS, MEETINGS WITH PAST AND PRESENT FOREIGN SECRETARIES OF U.S. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN CALIFORNIA, CNPQ/NAS JOINT COMMITTEE SESSION IN CALIFORNIA, AND TWO DAYS IN WASHINGTON, OF WHICH ONE-HALF DAY IS DEVOTED TO NAS.

2. WHILE ROLE AND STATUS OF NEW AGENCY ARE NOT YET CLEAR, INAUGURATION OF DION WAS OCCASION FOR ANNOUNCEMENT BY SECRETARY OF PLANNING THAT BUDGET FOR S/T DEVELOPMENT OF CNPQ AND SISTER AGENCIES HAS BEEN INCREASED OVER FIVE TIMES TO APPROXIMATELY 600 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. DETAILS KNOWN ON CNPQ ARE GIVEN REFERENCE A.

3. SCIATT SUGGESTS THAT A NUMBER OF APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR DION DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT ON MARCH 5 AND 6. IN STATE RECOMMEND ASST SEC DIXIE LEE RAY AND UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPUTY ASST SEC JOHN GRANGER OF OES; AT NSF, DIRECTOR GUIFORD

STEVE, DR. RUSSELL DREW OF STPO, AND DR. BODO BARDOCHA OF
OIP; AND AT NBS, DIRECTOR RICHARD ROBERTS.

4. DR. DION HAS PERSONAL AND AGENCY INTEREST IN APPLICATIONS
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT OF NORTHEAST BRAZIL
(SEE REF B). REQUEST DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER CONTACTS,
BESIDES NAS, WHICH MIGHT BE RELEVANT TO THIS TOPIC.

5. FOR NSF/STPO: SCIATT FLOATED CONCEPT OF LATIN AMERICAN
SCIENCE FOUNDATION INFORMALLY WITH DR. BRASIL. HE REQUESTED
THAT STPO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT FURTHER DURING
DION VISIT.

6. SCIATT HAS POUCHED BIODATA ON DION AND BRASIL TO DEPARTMENT.
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